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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

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MIY0001-DIV. and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

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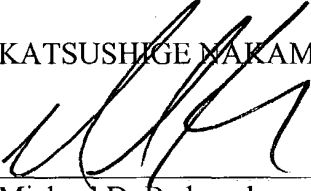
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